West End Haddenham in the 1950s

Land offer – 1937

ELY RDC heard that Mr Setchell of Haddenham had given land at West End on condition it was used as the site of four one-bedroom bungalows, but they preferred four houses.

Mr Thompson's offer of a building site for four houses near the school at Little Ouse would be accepted provided he made a gift of land fronting White House Drove.

At Plantation Farm, Shippea Hill, a proposal for four pairs of three-bedroomed houses will be submitted to Sir Frederick Hiam for his approval.

But Mr Everitt felt that, by erecting houses on sites that had been offered free, they were subsidising the large landowners with free labour.

Mill Road Amusement man – 1925

A CAMBRIDGE man who has been, at one time or another, a general labourer, cook, dock labourer, railway worker, amusement caterer, ice-cream vendor, toy retailer, fish merchant, wholesale biscuit dealer and greengrocer, appeared for his public examination in bankruptcy at Cambridge.

He had come to Cambridge in 1916 and started an amusement arcade in Mill Road.

The amusements consisted of automatic machines, darts, games, etc.

He used to go around public houses with his automatic machines. Half the profits were to go to the pub and half to himself.

Soon after he opened business, the police issued a summons against him and he scrapped four or five gaming machines.

A later amusement arcade on Mill Road in 1986

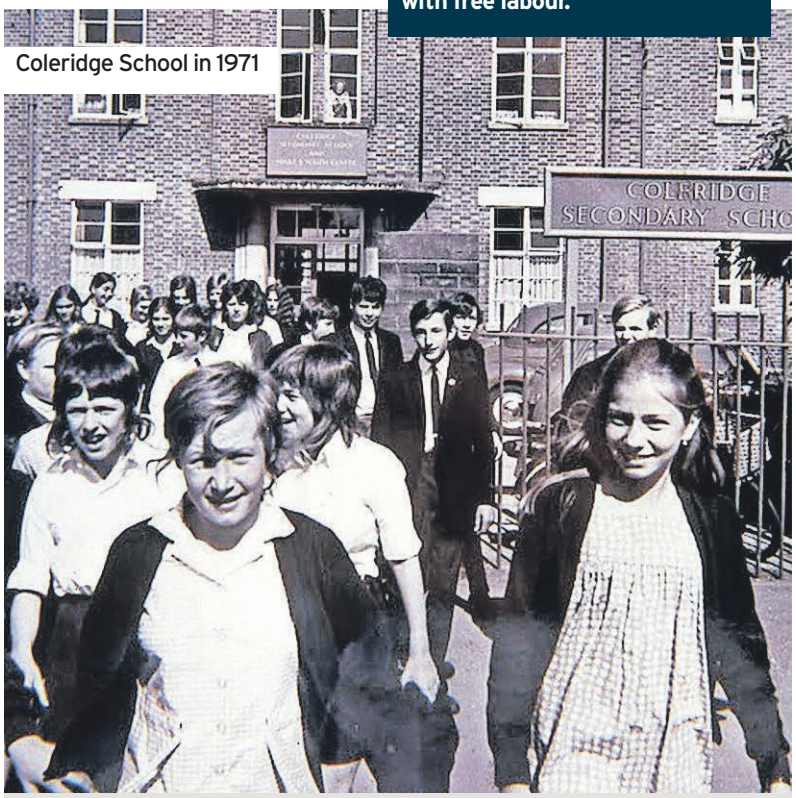
to some of the audience, will alone reconcile patrons to their long period of exclusion.

The decorative scheme is entirely new and is based in shades of coffee and dark walnut, relieved with Wedgwood blue, an effective combination which is continued in the huge lampshades, which were always such a feature of the decoration.

Another big feature is a new screen and projection which has been carried out by the Gaumont company.

The projection is now situated about halfway down the hall, and not at the back as previously.

Central cinema in the 1920s



Coleridge School in 1971

Coleridge's 21st anniversary – 1958

COLERIDGE Girls' School celebrated its 21st anniversary. The girls were now much more lively, efficient and adaptable than those of 21 years ago, headmistress Miss D.M. Howlett said. Then there had been no playing field and the school children had worn far too many clothes.

Boredom was the main cause of juvenile crime so they had instituted leisure time work for the girls evacuated from Islington during the war years.

The idea had been that children in modern schools were only intelligent enough to read picture books but, in both academic and practical work, Coleridge was achieving good results.

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